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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2003 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California.

	Allocation		Catch * (mt)	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons				
California (south of 42° N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	2,545	1,660		CA season started April 1; 5% alloc'n	
Oregon	--	NA	36,363			
Washington	--	NA	12,871			
WOC shoreside	42% commercial OY	50,904	50,894	7/14	started 0001 hrs 6/15/03 ended noon 7/14/03	99.9%
Mothership (n. of 42° N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	29,088	26,021	6/7	started 0001 hrs 5/15/03	89.4%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42° N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	41,208	18,814	7/28	started 0001 hrs 5/15/03	45.6%
Total nontribal	the commercial OY is 82% of the total catch OY	121,200	95,729		--	78.9%
Tribal (Makah)	17% of the total catch OY	25,000	13,262	7/28	started 6/13/03	53.0%
Total directed fishing		146,200	108,991	7/28		74.5%
Other (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries)	1% of the total catch OY	2,000	unknown at this time			
Total	OY=optimum yield	148,200	108,991	--	--	73.5%

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the trip limit between the seasons. The data for at-sea processing (catcher/processors and motherships) are preliminary and are based on reports from NMFS-certified observers. Data for shoreside processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. If you have questions on shoreside landings, please contact the appropriate state fishery management agency. Preliminary data for the Makah fishery is from a NMFS-trained observer. All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.6 pounds.